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Wind has many efficacies. For it dries, cools, and cleans.

Concerning the first, it dries the mud of carnality, Ose. 13[:15]: “The Lord will bring a burning wind in the desert.” Nor is it a wonder because Isai. 40[:7]: “The flower is fallen, because the spirit of the Lord hath blown upon it.”

Second, it blows for cooling the heat of temptation which is figured in Dan. 3[:49]: “The angel of the Lord went down into the furnace,” etc. The angel is the spirit, the fire is the vehemence of temptation, the blowing dew is to be understood as temptation.

Third, the wind blows for cleaning the chaff of temporality. For it cleans the air which is to be understood dispersing the cloud of obscurity, Psal. [17:13]: “At the brightness that was before him the clouds passed.” And then it sent flying the chaff of temporality, just as straw before the face of the wind.